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I. Act 26.

Why are we there
What are we doing
Secret negotiation

Sit down to plan —

2 tell of V. Nam —

① what we found, ~~so~~ how
we changed, where
we are going — (Decision involved life)

There is
[illegible]
second time
[illegible]

1. On Jan 20 —

5 year — more troops —
bombing stopped — ~~no~~
no fire off —

5. American fighting.
② S.V. Nam National —

We decided:
Time to end civil war —
① The ~~choice~~ question is how —
① get-out — "love in V. Nam" —
bring boys home —"
② ~~It could~~ Complex
② Results:

Report on the [illegible]

Ceasefire
not in dispute.

1. We proceeded on 2 tracks
② Negotiate — Desperate fighting
recent — all — get S.V. Nam in
(b) Longer range: (Decisive fighting)
① Asian problem — Nam
① V. Nam unknown
② V Nam in —
Constitution —
③ Succeeded
④ It is working —
It is better than we thought —
There will be some —

most
encouraging
a
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

② Clinton
It I know when —
but a lot more
than I thought —
② It will be based on
situation —

[illegible]

Deal for negotiating tactics - also -

Now - why not get out B now -
D should the solution
could he in an future -

D the consequences
I cut on the time -
A what would consequences
drive action out of -

The Greek is clear -
D get out -
another way -
[illegible]

B Negotiate - [illegible]
D [illegible]
B [illegible]
[illegible] B get [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible]

[illegible] The second war -
win the peace -

So not [illegible] way -
I [illegible] the [illegible] every -

Assign specific [illegible]
[illegible] - work
[illegible]
[illegible] - work -

[illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible]
- Let us [illegible] - (only if you [illegible]

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Men home now
Their younger brother

N. V. Nam con't

My fellow Americans

There are two choices open to us if we want to end the war.

1. ~~The first one is to accept defeat~~ ~~& make~~ an immediate withdrawal regardless of consequences & accept defeat

2. The other is ~~the way I have outlined~~ to persist in our search for ~~a negotiated settlement~~ a just peace - through a negotiated settlement if possible - if ~~not~~ just through a plan for Vietnamization in which we withdraw all of our forces from V. Nam as the S. V. Nam have been strong enough to defend their own freedom.

I have chosen the 2d way.

1. It is not the easy way - it is the right way. ~~The first way would end the war sooner~~ ~~Then~~ It is a plan for peace which will work.

~~2. I spoke of the consequences of a~~

~~1. I know there are those who say we should withdraw~~

2. In spite of consequences of a defeat or humiliation for U.S. in V. Nam I mentioned the ~~loss~~ of our allies in the world would lose confidence in America,

1. ~~Even then~~ Far more dangerous - ~~Russia would have~~ We would lose confidence in ourselves.

① We have faced other great crises & have ~~seen~~ ~~seen them~~ ~~through~~ been strong by doing what was right.

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our question as nation from here on capacity
do what ~~we know when~~ had to be done
when we knew we were wrong right.

In asking for your support I do not challenge
the right to disagree:

1. If some believe we should have -
you have every right - to say it.
2. If the great majority do want to
have - they want a just peace -
I offer a plan to bring that peace -
~~@ your support will hasten the~~
@ the more support we have for
our plan - The sooner - the war
will end -

what can I do -
To the great silent majority - I ask you support
I pledge to end the war -
I shall keep the pledge -
We have a plan which -

← The hopes of world rest with us -
when history is written - America must
the test -
~~I shall~~
We shall meet that test + for
+ those who live in peace + freedom -
will thank us for having had
the courage to meet our challenge

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

Need for negotiating tracks - also

Now – Why not get out of [illegible] – now –
1) I know the politics
could blame on Johnson –

2) the [illegible]

3) why are we there ?

4) what would consequence be
of our getting out -?

The choice is clear –
(1) get out
another war
increase chance of war
(2) Negotiate - Vietnamese
(1) It [illegible]
(2) It exceeds expectations
(3) It will be faster
if support
How fast?
Depends on your

We can end war
win the peace

I do not offer easy way
I do offer the right way
America meets it
Fighting men – won't
be defeated
V. Nam's – won't
History
will record
I know it is right
My [illegible] – is world
Let hear back
Let us hear – (only if you believe